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FOLLOWING IS MEDICAL REPORT ON FONMIN KHADDAM PREPARED
BY DR. M. SHAMI. SUGGEST THIS BE PASSED TO EXAMINING PHYSICIAN.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR.W KHADDAM, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SYRIAN ARAB
REPUBLIC, IS BEING REFERRED FOR EVALUATION OF NEUROLOGICAL
SYMPTOMS RESULTING FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE LEFT HAND
AND NECK HE SUSTAINED ON DECEMBER 1, 1976. AT THE TIME OF
HIS INJURY, MR. KHADDAM WAS DRIVING HIS CAR IN THE OUTSKIRTS
OF DAMASCUS WHEN HE WAS FIRED ON BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT.
HE WAS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO THE MOASSAT HOSPITAL WHERE
EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT WERE CARRIED OUT.

AT THE TIME OF HIS ADMISSION, THE PATIENT WAS COMPLAIN-
ING ONLY OF GNERALIZED AND SEVERE PAIN IN THE RIGHT SHOULDER
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AND RIGHT ARM INCREASED BY MOVEMENT. THE PAST MEDICAL
HISTORY IS NONCONTRIBUTORY. THE PATIENT HAS ENJOYED LIFE-
LONG GOOD HEALTH ASIDE FROM A MILD FORM OF SKIN ALLERGY.
HE NEITHER SMOKES NOR DRINKS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL, THE PATIENT WAS NOTED
TO BE IN GOOD GENERAL CONDITION WITH NORMAL VITAL SIGNS.

HE WAS ALERT AND WELL ORIENTED. BLEEDING WAS NOTED IN THE REGIONS OF THE NECK AND THE LEFT HAND. EXAMINATION REVEALED TWO GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THE FIRST BULLET ENTERED FROM THE DORSAL ASPECT OF THE LEFT WRIST. THE SLUG WAS LODGED IN THE LEFT PALM BENEATH THE FASCIA OF THE THENAR EMINENCE. THE SECOND BULLET ENTERED THE BACK FROM THE LEFT PARASPINAL REGION JUST BELOW THE NECK PENETRATING ACROSS THE CHEST WALL TO THE RIGHT SUPRACLAVICULAR AREA AND LODGING Laterally IN THE RIGHT ARM ABOVE THE ELBOW. SOFT TISSUE SWELLING AND ECCHYMOSES WERE NOTED. ARTERIAL PULSES WERE NORMAL IN THE ARM AND THERE WERE NO NEUROLOGICAL DEFICITS INDICATING DAMAGE TO THE MAJOR NERVES. CHEST EXAMINATION REVEALED NORMAL BREATH SOUNDS BILATERALLY AND THE REMAINDER OF THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION WAS WITHIN NORMAL LIMITES.

LABORATORY EXAMINATION INCLUDING COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT, URINALYSIS, AND CHEMISTRIES WAS WITHIN NORMAL LIMITES. A CHEST X-RAY REVEALED FRACTURE OF THE 2ND RIGHT RIB WITH PLEURAL REACTION AT THE AREA OF THE FRACTURE. LUNGS

WERE CLEAR. X-RAY OF THE RIGHT SHOULDER AND HUMERUS SHOWED NO FRACTURE. CERVICAL SPINE FILMS WERE WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS. X-RAY OF THE LEFT WRIST SHOWED SIMPLE FRACTURE OF CAPITATE BONE.

UNDER LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND FLUOROSCOPY, SLUGS WERE REMOVED FROM THE SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE OF THE RIGHT ARM AND THE PALM OF THE LEFT HAND. THE PALMAR SLUG WAS NOTED TO BE LODGED NEAR THE MEDIAN NERVE, BUT THERE WAS NO APPARENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INJURY TO IT. THE ENTRY WOUNDS WERE DEBRIDED AND ALLOWED TO HEAL BY SECONDARY CLOSURE. THE LEFT WRIST WAS DRESSED AND WRAPPED.

DRUG THERAPY DURING HOSPITALIZATION INCLUDED: KEFLEX 250 MG Q 6 (RPT Q 6) HOURS. TANDEARIL TABLETS 1 Q 6 (RPT 1 Q 6) HOURS, DOLOXENE (DARVON COMPOUND) 100 MG 1 6 (RPT Q 6) PRN PAIN. PHYSICAL THERAPY TO THE RIGHT SHOULDER AND LEFT WRIST AND HAND WAS BEGUN ON THE 10TH DAY FOLLOWING THE INJURY.

THE PATIENT REMAINED IN GOOD CONDITION. EDEMA, ECCHYMOSES, AND PAIN BEGAN TO SUBSIDE AFTER 72 HOURS. SUTURES FROM THE EXCISION AREAS WERE REMOVED ON THE 10TH DAY OF HOSPITALIZATION AND THE PATIENT WAS DISCHARGED ON THE 12TH DAY. HE RESUMED NORMAL ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY AND NOTED THAT PAIN HAD COMPLETELY RESOLVED AFTER ONE MONTH. HIS ONLY PRESENT COMPLAINT IS LOSS OF SENSATION FROM LOCALIZED AREAS OF THE RIGHT FOREARM.

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